दिल्ली डाक परिमंडल (सर्कल) में कम्प्यूटरों की खरीद

2684. **श्री गोविन्दराम मिरी:** क्या **संचार** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) 1994-95 और 1995-96 के वर्षों के दौरान आज तक दिल्ली डाक परिमंडल द्वारा खरीदे गए कम्प्यूटरों की संख्या तथा उनका मूल्य क्या-क्या है;

(ख) क्या बड़ी संख्या में कम्प्यूटर अप्रयुक्त पड़े हैं;

(ग) यदि हां, तो उनकी संख्या कितनी है और उनके अप्रयुक्त रहने के क्या कारण हैं;

(घ) क्या सरकार को इस मामले में जांच कराने का विचार रखती है;

(ङ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्योरा क्या है; और

(च) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

संचार मंत्री (श्री बेनी प्रसाद वर्मा): दिल्ली डाक सर्किल में वर्ष 1994-95 से अब तक 59,14,665/- रुपये की अनुमानित लागत से 60(साठ) कंप्यूटर खरीदे गए हैं और इनमें से 49 को संस्थापित और चालू कर दिया गया।

उपरोक्त कंप्यूटरों में से 11 कंप्यूटरों को पालम टीएमओ में संस्थापित करने की प्रक्रिया चल रही है।

(ख) जी नहीं।

(ग) से (च) उपर्युक्त (ख) में दिए गए उत्तर को ध्यान में रखते हुए प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Demand for Floating Holding Companies by Cellular Phone Companies

2685. SHRI VAYALARRAVI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to allow the cellular phone companies to float holding companies with 49% foreign equity participation; and

(b) if so, the reasons for the change in earlier conditions?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) Government have decided that an investing company, by virtue of its being registered as an Indian Company and having foreign direct investment upto 49% should be allowed to make investments in the licensee company in the service sector such as Telecom services sector. It has to be stipulated that the management control of the investing company must necessarily rest with the Indian share holders.

(b) The reasons for the above decision are as follows:—

(i) It allows such domestic companies which have inherent strength to raise capital overseas at a nominal discount to market value to finance the start up operations of the business.

(ii) These domestic companies would be able to raise a further tranche of equity at the holding company level, at a premium at near the market value, thereby allowing for a larger value in foreign investments.

Siemens Plan to Shutdown of Factories

2686. DR. JAGANNATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Siemens plans to shut down its factories at Aurangabad and Calcutta which have been practically idle since inception due to lack of orders from the Department of Telecommunications; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) Government is not aware whether M/S Siemens plan to shut down factories at Aurangabad and Calcutta. Purchase Orders worth about Rs.354 crore were placed by DOT on M/S Siemens during last three years.

DOT has also recently placed on M/S Siemens Advance Purchase Order worth about Rs.71 crore.

In any case, in the present competitive environment suppliers have to earn orders by quoting competitive prices.

(b) It is informed that M/S Siemens even though eligible, did not participate